

CLARK FRAME HOUSE

AL-V-A-052
George Street, Shaft
ca. 1850

The Clark Frame House is a two story, four bay wide, frame structure that has been covered with asbestos shingles. The house is one of a number of "company" houses built by the Borden Mining Company in the mid 19th century. Similar to other towns and villages in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was a company town. However, unlike the other villages, the actual mine which supported growth was the only "shaft" mine in the George's Creek Valley. The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846 and soon after this date began construction of houses to serve as dwellings for the miners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Clark Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

George's Street

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph/Jane Clark

Telephone #: 689-8966

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1 Frostburg

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Clark Frame House is located on George Street in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Clark House is a two story, four bay wide frame structure that has been covered with asbestos shingles. A large gable roofed addition abuts the main block on the west side. The building rests on a low stone foundation and has a beveled cement water table. The roof is gabled and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights. Two entrances are located on the main facade and both the doors and the hardware have been replaced. A shed roofed one bay aluminum end porch covers each door while a second partially enclosed porch is located on the south side of the house. A single brick chimney is located in the interior of the house.

At the rear of the building is a small board and batten out-house with a lattice work screen in front of the door.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Borden Mining Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846¹ and operated the only shaft mine in the George's Creek area.² Like the other mining towns in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was primarily a company town. That is, the majority of buildings (homes, etc.) were constructed by the company although miners did have the opportunity to build their own homes if they desired.

Although the Clark Frame House has been altered somewhat, it is nevertheless typical of the type of home constructed by a coal company in the second half of the 19th century. It is an example of what was known as a "block" or a two family dwelling. "Blocks" were usually of frame construction and two stories high. The houses had three to four rooms and a shed kitchen for each family. Often a small garden was located along each side of the house. The cost of a typical block in the 1850's was about \$400.00 a piece.³ They were rented to a miner for approximately \$3.50 per month or 12% of a miner's annual income in 1880.⁴

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- 1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, New York;1969) p.11
 2 Ibid P. 221
 3 Ibid P. 83
 4 Ibid P.

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Harvey, Katherine A. The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, New York)
Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .56 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-052

353/54

~~180/420~~DATE: 11/20REMODELING: Drastic, ~~moderate~~, minor. 56 Acre ~~1.17 Acres~~NAME OF PROPERTY: Clark^{franz} HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: George's Street, ShaftDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Joseph Clark

689-8966

ADDRESS: Rt 1Shaft Frostburg, MD 21532STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(☒) 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: gable roofed addition in rearDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒) Other: Coverings Asbestos Shingles

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK CEMENTWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2(☒) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed(☒) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards replaced

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED() original(☒) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end() Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - miners homeSignificance - ArchDate Constructed - 1868 Borden Mining Co.Condition - fair

Jrm, Switzer

Clark Frame House

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2 miles west of Rt. 36

George's St. - Shaft

Frostburg, MD. - PA.

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SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

(Separate Map)

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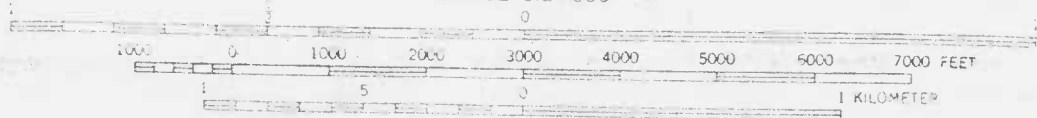
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Clark Frame House

Genevieve Street

Shaft

John Nelson

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northwest



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Clark Frame House

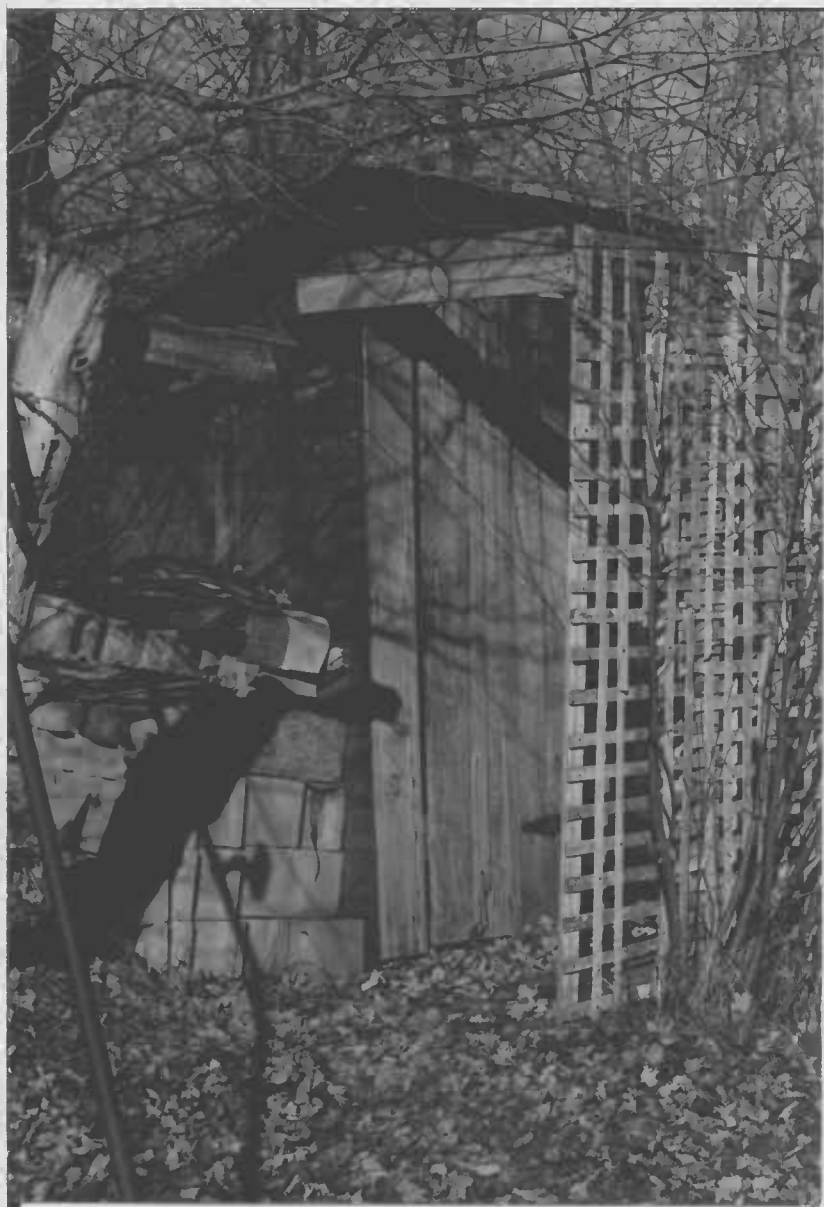
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Shaft

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East



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Clark Frame House / Outhouse

George Street

Shaft

John Nelson

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Northwest